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As the senate is thin, and several members of the council of safety are senators, and the business of both departments cannot be carried on at one and the same time, the senate hath agreed to sit from three till five o'clock in the afternoon, until the governor and council can be appointed, and enter upon the exercise of the executive powers of government.

By order,

R. RIDGELY, cl. sen.

Which was read.

The house took into consideration the several papers and depositions transmitted to the general assembly by the honourable congress, relative to the insurrection in Somerset and Worcester counties, and after some time spent therein, the following message was prepared and sent to the senate by Mr. Deye and Mr. Gilpin.

By the HOUSE of DELEGATES, February 7, 1777.

May it please your honours,

WE have taken the several papers and depositions transmitted to the general assembly by the honourable congress, relative to the insurrection in Somerset and Worcester counties, into our consideration, and this house are of opinion, that it will be necessary to send one thousand men from the western shore, and the same number from the eastern, including those who have already marched, to quell this dangerous insurrection, and will to have your concurrence; and that directions ought to be given to the council of safety to order that number from the regulars and militia, and also that they should give instructions to general Smallwood, or any other person who may take the command.

By order,

G. DUVALL, cl. ho. del.

On motion, RESOLVED, That a committee be appointed to receive all petitions and proposals for the establishment of manufactories, and to consider and devise the best ways and means of promoting trade and commerce within this state; and Mr. Gilpin, Mr. Smith, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Banning, and Mr. Maxwell, were elected a committee for that purpose.

William Paca, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the following message:

By the SENATE, February 7, 1777.

Gentlemen,

YOUR message contains matter of great moment, and of such a nature, as we think, makes a conference necessary; should you concur with us in this sentiment, we will immediately appoint members of our, to join such of your, house, as you may judge proper to name for that purpose.

By order,

R. RIDGELY, cl. sen.

Which was read. ORDERED, That a message be prepared to the senate, in answer thereto. The following message being prepared, was sent to the senate by Mr. Smith and Mr. Veazy.

By the HOUSE of DELEGATES, February 7, 1777.

May it please your honours,

IN answer to your message by William Paca, Esq; this house, deeming the subject of their former message a matter of infinite importance, are willing to confer thereon immediately; and in order thereto have appointed Mr. Chase, Mr. Henry, and Mr. Lethbury, as conferees from this house, to join any members your house shall appoint for that purpose.

By order,

G. DUVALL, cl. ho. del.

Joseph Nicholson, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the following message:

By the SENATE, February 7, 1777.

Gentlemen,

THIS house hath appointed William Paca and Joseph Nicholson, jun. Esquires, to meet the gentleman named by your house, for the purpose mentioned in your message by Messieurs Smith and Veazy.

By order,

R. RIDGELY, cl. sen.

Which was read.

Mr. Galloway has leave of absence till Monday next.

The house adjourns till to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

SATURDAY, February 8, 1777.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday, except Mr. Tillard and Mr. Deye. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Richard Patton, a delegate returned for Calvert county, appeared in the house, and after having qualified agreeable to the constitution and form of government, in the presence of Mr. Speaker and the other members, he took his seat.

Certificates of the qualification of Mr. Johnson and Mr. Harwood were produced and read.

The council of safety laid before the house a letter from the honourable the President of congress, which was read and referred to the consideration of the conferees.

Mr.